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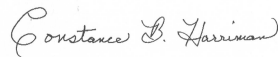
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Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC)
Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2004
October 1, 2003 – September 30, 2004

1. Background

Public Law 108-15, which was signed on April 23, 2003, established the CCAC to advise the Secretary of the Treasury on themes and design proposals relating to circulating coinage, commemorative coinage, bullion coinage, Congressional gold medals and national medals.

2. Membership

The CCAC consists of eleven members appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury. Four members are appointed based on their special qualifications, three members are appointed to represent the general public, and four members are appointed after recommendation by the leadership of the United States Congress. As of the CCAC's September 21, 2004 meeting nine of eleven positions were filled. Detailed biographical information for the CCAC's members appears in Appendix A.

3. Meetings

The CCAC held six public meetings during Fiscal Year 2004:

November 18, 2003: Washington, DC

February 18, 2004: Philadelphia, PA

April 20, 2004: Washington, DC

May 18, 2004: Washington, DC

August 19, 2004: Pittsburgh, PA (at the annual convention of the American Numismatic Association)

September 21, 2004: Washington, DC

4. Design Recommendations

a. 50 State Quarters Circulating Commemoratives

The United States Mint's 50 State Quarters® Program honors each American state with a design for the reverse of the circulating quarter-dollar. Since the program's origin in 1999 five coins have been issued each year in the order in which the states' were admitted to the Union. During Fiscal Year 2004, the CCAC considered designs for the five 2005-dated quarters and one of five quarters to be issued in 2006. The CCAC's recommendations for the 2005 state quarters and the designs to be issued are described below and pictured in Appendix B.

2005 California

The CCAC's recommendation for the California quarter depicted a stylized image of waves and sun. A design featuring John Muir and Yosemite Valley design was voted as the Committee's second choice. The design to be issued is a variant of the CCAC's second choice, with a larger image of Muir and a more distant view of Yosemite's Half Dome.

2005 Minnesota

For the state of Minnesota, the Committee recommended the design featuring Minnesota as the Land of 10,000 Lakes, showing two people fishing from a canoe, with a loon in the foreground and trees in the background. The design to be issued is a variant of the CCAC's first choice, with the canoe and its occupants reduced in size and an outline of the state incorporated into the scene.

2005 Oregon

From a set of four designs for the Oregon quarter that were widely considered meritorious as a whole, the Committee recommended a design showing Mount Hood. The design to be issued, featuring Crater Lake, was the committee's fourth choice.

2005 Kansas

For the Kansas quarter a design featuring a sunflower and wheat ears was the clear favorite of the Committee. The Committee's second choice design featured a state outline in the background with a collage of wheat ears, a sunflower, and a buffalo in the foreground. The design to be issued is a variant of the CCAC's second choice, with the state outline eliminated.

2005 West Virginia

The Committee recommended as its first choice a design showing the New River Gorge Bridge in West Virginia. The design to be issued was the CCAC's first choice.

2006 South Dakota

For the South Dakota quarter the CCAC recommended an image of the state bird, the ring-necked pheasant. Committee members liked the artistry of the Mount Rushmore image, but were concerned about the appropriateness of this theme in light of Native American opposition to the monument's creation.

b. Westward Journey Circulating Commemorative Nickels

The Westward Journey Nickel Series™ includes commemorations of the Louisiana Purchase and the progress of the Lewis and Clark expedition with circulating five-cent pieces. In the past year the CCAC considered obverse and reverse designs for the two circulating commemorative nickels to be issued in 2005.

2005 Nickel Obverse For the obverse of the two 2005 nickels, the Committee favored a bust of President Jefferson facing to the right with several suggestions for improvements. The design to be issued is similar to this design, with a more closely cropped image of President Jefferson by the same artist, and was the CCAC's second choice.

2005 Nickel Reverse For the first reverse theme, representing the American Indian population and culture, the Committee favored a rendition of an existing petroglyph showing an owl. The design to be issued, featuring a bison, was the CCAC's fourth choice.

2005 Nickel Reverse For the second reverse theme, Progress and/or Culmination of the Lewis and Clark journey, the Committee suggested an ocean view with Ponderosa pine trees and a quote from the journal of William Clark. The design to be issued is a slightly modified version of the CCAC's first choice.

c. 2005 Commemorative Coins

250th anniversary of birth of John Marshall For the obverse of the John Marshall commemorative dollar the CCAC recommended a design with a three-quarter portrait of the Chief Justice. For the reverse, the CCAC preferred a design featuring an interior view of the old Supreme Court chamber. Committee members felt that this reverse design was innovative, and would be an appealing image when coined.

230th anniversary of the United States Marine Corps For the obverse of the Marine Corps commemorative dollar the CCAC recommended an image of the flag-raising at Iwo Jima, with the word "Liberty" appearing prominently in the field. For the reverse the CCAC endorsed a design portraying the Marine Corps emblem.

d. Platinum Coins

The Committee reviewed the designs for the reverse of the 2004 American Eagle Platinum coin depicting America: Land of Plenty/Land of Opportunity. The Committee strongly recommended the design based on the famous statue of America by David Chester French at the United States Customs House in lower Manhattan for the reverse of the platinum coin. The figure of Liberty in this design is a frontal view from below, with sheaf of corn and a bald eagle holding olive leaves. Most Committee members favored this design as attractive and unusual. This design was selected for issue in 2004.

A design for the 2005 American Eagle Platinum coin was presented, which had been shown to the committee as part of the submission for the 2004 series of this coin. This design, representing "America the land of plenty, the land of opportunity", shows a bald eagle above an assortment of fruits and plants, and a shield. The CCAC recommended some alterations to this design.

e. Medals

At several meetings the CCAC considered designs for medals, including those specifically authorized by the United States Congress as well as continuations of national medal series. The CCAC's specific recommendations are as follows:

Paul O'Neill

The Committee heard a report on the designs for the bronze medal honoring former Secretary of the Treasury, Paul O'Neill. However, since the design had already been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, John Snow, it was decided not to comment on the designs.

Dorothy Height

The Committee decided to recommend the design chosen by Dr. Height. This design shows the Dorothy Height Leadership Institute building and a two-sentence quote from Dr. Height on one side and a frontal image of Dr. Height as a mature woman on the other side.

Jackie Robinson

The Committee evaluated proposed designs for the Jackie Robinson Congressional Gold Medal, featuring a three-quarter view of Jackie Robinson dressed in a suit and tie on one side and a quotation from Mr. Robinson on the other side. The CCAC recommended several changes to these designs.

Briggs v. Elliot

The obverse of this medal, which will be posthumously awarded to the four parties involved, shows frontal portraits and names of Joseph A. DeLaine, Levi Pearson, and Harry & Eliza Briggs. The reverse's main feature contains a set of inscriptions including a portion of a quote from Judge Waring. The CCAC recommended several changes to clarify and improve these designs.

5. Commemorative Recommendations, 2006-2010

As mandated by Public Law 108-15, the CCAC has made recommendations to the Secretary of the Treasury regarding commemorative coins to be issued in the years 2006-2010. The CCAC recommends several circulating issues honoring upcoming birth anniversaries of prominent American leaders. The specific proposals are: a Benjamin Franklin cent in 2006, an Alexander Hamilton dime in 2007, and a Theodore Roosevelt half-dollar in 2008, to be coined alongside existing designs for these denominations. These circulating pieces would stimulate interest in American history and coin collecting in the manner of the highly successful 50 State Quarters® Program and the Westward Journey Nickel Series™. The CCAC also suggests numismatic commemoratives honoring these individuals, and other commemorative programs recognizing important events from American history. In accordance with the Commemorative

Coin Reform Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-208), these recommendations include no more than two themes for any single calendar year.

2006

- **300th anniversary of Benjamin Franklin's birth.** As a publisher, politician, and diplomat, Franklin played a critical role in the independence and early development of the United States. With his famous saying “a penny saved is a penny earned” (or “a penny saved is two pence clear”) Franklin would be an appropriate subject for a circulating commemorative cent.

Proposed Mintage: a circulating commemorative cent to be issued during the year 2006 in addition to the regular Lincoln cent design, and 500,000 silver dollars

- **100th anniversary of the San Francisco Mint in the 1906 Earthquake.** Founded in 1854 after the California gold rush, the San Francisco Mint served the monetary needs of the American west. In the aftermath of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and fire the Mint also played a key role in the city's recovery.

Proposed Mintage: 500,000 silver dollars

2007:

- **400th anniversary of founding of Jamestown.** This theme was recommended in the 2003 CCAC Annual Report, and was enacted into law in 2004.

Mintage: 500,000 silver dollars, as authorized by Public Law 108-289. [Note: the law authorizes a gold and a silver coin.]

- **250th anniversary of Alexander Hamilton's birth.** Hamilton was a key participant in the creation and ratification of the Constitution of the United States, and served as the first Secretary of the Treasury. He played a critical role in developing our financial and monetary systems and in establishing the United States Mint. Ironically, however, Hamilton appears on no United States coin.

Proposed Mintage: a circulating commemorative dime to be issued during the year 2007 in addition to the regular Roosevelt dime design, and 500,000 silver dollars

2008:

- **150th anniversary of Theodore Roosevelt's birth.** In addition to his historical importance, Theodore Roosevelt influenced American coin design by supporting the

issue of gold pieces designed by Augustus Saint-Gaudens as well as the familiar Lincoln cent. Roosevelt himself has appeared on money only as a small part of the Mount Rushmore coin series of 1991.

Proposed Mintage: a circulating commemorative half-dollar to be issued during the year 2008 in addition to the regular Kennedy half-dollar design, and 500,000 silver dollars

- **50th anniversary of the first American satellite.** Since the launch of Explorer I in 1958, satellites have played an important role in American society. They have revolutionized communications and weather forecasting and fostered significant scientific advances by collecting data from Earth and outer space.

Proposed Mintage: 500,000 silver dollars

2009:

- **200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth.** Lincoln's enduring historical importance deserves commemoration on the 200th anniversary of his birth.

Proposed Mintage: 500,000 silver dollars

2010:

- **150th anniversary of the Pony Express.** The Pony Express, founded in 1860, relayed mail from Saint Joseph, Missouri to Sacramento, California. The ten-day delivery time was quick in its day, but the transcontinental telegraph brought the Pony Express to an end after only eighteen months. Despite its brief period of service, the Pony Express continues to capture Americans' imaginations as an innovative and daring solution to the communication needs of the growing western United States.

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Appendix A Biographies of CCAC Members

During Fiscal Year 2004 the following individuals served on the CCAC:

Name	Occupation	Position
Daniel Altshuler	Artist and Sculptor	Sculpture or Medalllic Arts
Leon Billings	Consultant	Senate Minority Leader
Richard Bratton*	Manager for Governmental and Public Affairs	Senate Majority Leader
Bill Fivaz	Retired	Numismatics
Constance Harriman	Attorney	General Public
Ute Wartenberg Kagan	Executive Director, American Numismatic Society	Curator of Numismatic Collection
Susan Kare*	Designer	House Minority Leader
Rita Laws	Author	General Public
Thomas Noe	Coin Dealer	Speaker of the House
Robert Remini	Professor Emeritus	American History
Mitchell Sanders	Research Scientist	General Public

* Resigned during Fiscal Year 2004

• Daniel Altshuler

Daniel Altshuler, Sculptor, is a Professional Member of the National Sculpture Society, AMSA, FIDEM, and the Portrait Society of America. President of DIA Sculpture Studios Ltd., he specializes in statuary, busts, and numismatics.

His works include the following: Chief Justice Warren E. Burger portrait bas-relief in the collection of Chief Justice Burger; Presidential Medal of George W. Bush for Ambassador Stapelton, US Ambassador to the Czech Republic (also in the collections of The White House and Texas A&M Museum); a bust of Louisa May Alcott for the collection of The White House; a three foot diameter bronze of the Seal of New York City for Mayor Michael Bloomberg; a portrait bas-relief of John William Berry for Dartmouth College; the 375 Anniversary Medal for the City of Gloucester. He is currently working on two ten-foot statues. He has also curated American classical sculpture exhibitions: *Sculptors of Cape Ann, from Medals to Monuments*, and for Mayor Bruce Tobey of Gloucester, *America's Sculptural Heritage*, anchored in Gloucester during Gloucester's 375th Anniversary.

• Leon G. Billings

Mr. Billings is President of a consulting firm in Bethesda, MD which designs public policy strategies on issues pending before Congress and advises clients on environmental, energy, health and safety legislation. From 1991-2002, Mr. Billings served in the Maryland State Legislature. From 1966 until 1981, Mr. Billings held positions with Senator and Secretary of State Edmund S. Muskie.

Currently, Mr., Billings serves on the Board of Directors of several environmental organizations and companies.

- **Richard W. Bratton**

Mr. Bratton is retired from the Black Light and Power Company in Gillette, WY after working for over 30 years. He currently serves as the Wyoming Area Manager for Governmental and Public Affairs, as the legislative lobbyist for the Black Hills Corporation, a position he has held since 1996.

Mr. Bratton has served on numerous state and local organizations during his career and also has been elected or appointed to many local offices in cities of Wyoming. He has been active with many service organizations such as the Jaycees, the Rotary Club, the Lions club, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Bratton resigned from the CCAC effective February 2004, his replacement is pending.

- **Bill Fivaz**

Bill Fivaz has been a numismatist for over 50 years. He has served on the American Numismatic Association's (ANA) Board of Governors, received that organization's highest honor, the Farran Zebe Award, as well as the ANA Medal of Merit, the ANA Numismatist of the Year and was elected into the ANA Hall of Fame. He has taught at the ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs for over 20 years as well as at various regional, state and local conventions. Mr. Fivaz is retired after having served for over 36 years in sales with the Nestle Company.

- **Constance Harriman**

Constance B. Harriman, Chair of the CCAC during Fiscal Year 2004, has helped formulate U.S. trade, natural resource and legal policy in executive positions at three United States government agencies: the United States Export-Import Bank, and the Departments of Justice and Interior. During her over 20 years of legal, public policy, and management experience, Ms. Harriman has worked extensively with Congress, federal agencies, the media, and special interest groups. Her private sector experience included working with a California law firm where she specialized in corporate law and litigation.

Ms. Harriman currently serves on the Board of Directors and Finance Committee of the Decatur House, a National Trust for Historic Preservation property in Washington, D.C. and as a member of the Women's Committee of the Washington Opera. Her former board affiliations include the Southern Africa Wildlife Trust and the National Policy Association, whose board comprises top U.S. business and labor leaders.

- **Dr. Ute Wartenberg Kagan**

Dr. Ute Wartenberg Kagan is the Executive Director of the American Numismatic Society in New York City. The American Numismatic Society is one of the oldest museums in the United States and is dedicated to the study and preservation of coins, currency, medals and other monetary objects. Previously, Dr. Wartenberg served as Curator of Greek Coins in the British Museum in London. Dr. Wartenberg has published many books and articles in the field of ancient numismatics and history. She is also a member of many numismatic organizations in the United States and overseas.

Although not a collector, Dr. Wartenberg has long been interested in coins and archaeology. Born in Saarbruecken on the French-German border, she used to visit ancient Roman sites around her hometown and uncover ancient coins. Fascinated by their beauty and their antiquity, she decided to study history and archaeology at the University of Saarbrücken. As a Rhodes Scholar at the University of Oxford, she wrote a Ph.D. dissertation in papyrology, researching ancient papyrus texts from Egypt.

- **Dr. Susan Kare**

Dr. Kare graduated with a doctorate degree in Fine Arts from New York University. She began her career as an assistant curator at the Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco. In 1982, she began work for Apple Computer as Creative Director, designing user interface. She designed most of the distinctive icons, typefaces and other graphic elements that gave the original Macintosh computer its characteristics. Dr. Kare has also designed many of the icons for other clients, such as Microsoft, Intel, IBM, Netscape Communications, Hewlett-Packard, Inc., AT&T and Motorola. In 2001, Dr. Kare was the recipient of the Chrysler Design Award.

Dr. Kare resigned from the CCAC effective June 2004, her replacement is pending.

- **Dr. Rita Laws**

Dr. Laws, a former schoolteacher, is a freelance writer and researcher of Indian Peace Medals. A member of the Oklahoma Choctaw tribe and the mother of 12 children, she has been a special needs adoption advocate for 25 years. Currently, she is the volunteer state representative for the North American Council on Adoptable Children. Rita is also a collector of medals and world coins.

- **Thomas Noe**

Mr. Noe is the founder, owner, and President of a coin business in Ohio. He is a member of numerous professional organizations including the American Numismatic Association, the Professional Numismatists Guild and the Industry Council for Tangible Assets. Mr. Noe served as Chairman of the Ohio Commemorative Quarter Committee.

Currently, Mr. Noe is the Chairman of the Ohio Board of Regents and the Ohio Turnpike Commission.

- **Dr. Robert Remini**

Dr. Remini specializes in the Jacksonian era of American history. Currently, under the direction of the Library of Congress, he is writing a history of the United States House of Representatives, as mandated by Congress. In addition, Dr. Remini is a Professor of History Emeritus and Research Professor of Humanities Emeritus at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He is widely known for his many books, articles and publications as well as awards in the field of American history.

- **Dr. Mitchell Sanders**

Dr. Sanders graduated from Duke University in 1991 and received a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Rochester in 1997. He is author or co-author of various academic articles, and he has been on the faculty at Florida State University and the University of Notre Dame. He currently works as a Research Scientist in Rochester, NY.

An avid coin collector, Dr. Sanders has published several articles examining the numismatic connection between symbolism and society.

Appendix B 50 State Quarters Designs, 2005

CCAC Recommendation



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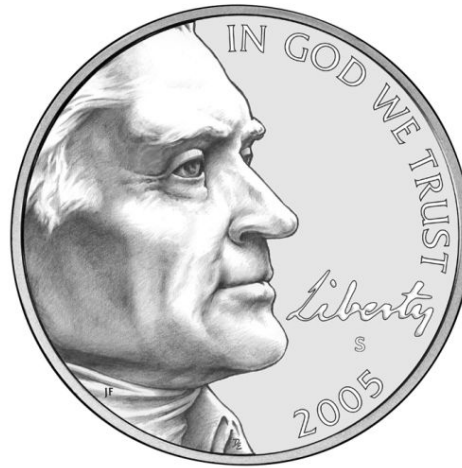


Appendix C Westward Journey Nickel Designs, 2005

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Appendix D Platinum Eagle Design, 2004 (recommended by the CCAC and chosen to be issued)



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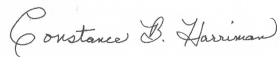
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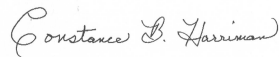
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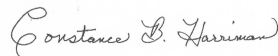
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